

Re. Box V**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statements**

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: 01/37526 A (QUALCOMM INCORPORATED) 25 May 2001 (2001-05-25)
- D2: 02/03581 A (MOTOROLA INC; AITKENHEAD, GARY; URS, KAMALA, DIANE) 10 January 2002 (2002-01-10)
- D3: US 2003/016632 A1 (REFAI WAIL MET AL) 23 January 2003 (2003-01-23)
- D4: ANONYMOUS: "Push-To-Talk over Cellular (PoC) User Plane; Transport Protocols; PoC Release 1.0, V 1.1.1" ETSI, October 2003 (2003-10), XP002321969

2. **The present application does not fulfill the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT because the object of claims 1 and 14 is not novel in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.**

2.1 Document D1 discloses (the references in brackets relate to this document):

a Method for providing a push-to-talk connection between at least two user terminals in a communications network (page 1, lines 8-10), with

- a) Information to establish a push-to-talk connection being signaled by a first terminal to a switching node,
- b) A useable link being established from a first terminal to a switching node and
- c) A useable link being established from the switching node to at least one further terminal.

(page 2, lines 11-27; page 4, lines 12-14).

2.2 The same reasoning then applies correspondingly to independent claim 14.

2.3 The dependent claims 2-13 or 15-17 do not contain any features, which in combination with the features of any claim to which they relate, fulfill the requirements of the PCT in relation to novelty or inventive step, see the documents

D1-D4 and the corresponding points in the text specified in the examination report.

